

The July 22, 1937 issue of the Jamestown Gazette declared that it was "Published every Thursday and dedicated to a better Jamestown for you and me to live in." To prove its point, the editors called for a platform at the Town Beach to watch over swimming children. After an anticipated strike by Ferry Company employees did not materialize when management agreed to the demanded (salary) increase, the editors noted, "some of those employed by the Ferry Company are over doing it."

The Heard Around Town column told us, "It is rumored that among the crew of one of the ferryboats, there is one who considers himself to be quite a sheik with the ladies. Maybe it is his coal-darkened lashes that gives his eyes that romantic appearance." There was concern about the kids diving off the old dock opposite the Shoreby Hill Casino.

Six Pepsis at the Midway Market cost 25 cents, fillet of haddock was 22 cents a pound and white onions were 3 pounds for 10 cents at Santos Market. Richard E. Rose advertised his auto repairs and Chevrolet service; Albert A.

Boone his landscape and jobbing gardening, Frank Pimental advertised his line of bait and tackle at the Lighthouse Bait Shop and Alfred V. Richardson touted his seafood and bait at his Jamestown Auto Shop on Conanicus Avenue. "Purest milk and cream from pure bred Guernseys" was advertised by Quononoquott Dairy on East Shore Road.

In social activities, Bernard Barrow Clough was elected chairman and Clifton E. Bradley, secretary and treasurer of the committee preparing for the annual fair at the Central Baptist Church. Miss Lucy Marshall of Washington, D.C., was the guest of Admiral and Mrs. Hilary P. Jones at the Lippincott cottage on Walcott Avenue.

"Carr's Beach was the scene of a gay party given by Miss Betty DuValley in honor of her guest, Miss Combs of Fall River and Little Compton."

And in the issue of July 29, Midway Market was advertising beef liver for 23 cents a pound and P&G soap three for 13 cents. Even with that, the editors railed about prices at the markets, stating, and "If the price of food keeps rising,



The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro

we suggest Herb Hammond get in a supply of clam diggers and families be allocated a quarter acre of beach." And, the editors suggested that they "Admit the difficulty of getting cars off and on the ferries in the 10 minutes allowed, but think a small space of time should be allowed for foot passengers to leave the boat before the cars are allowed to start off." The editors also appreciated the widening of North Road where it ran through Hull Swamp.

The strippers were running, John Clarke caught a 41 pounder and fish were also taken by Arthur S. Clarke, Manuel Teixeira, Jim Bowen and John Brooks. The Legion was having a carnival at East Ferry and the Board of Trade was organizing a photo contest for pictures to be used in ads "to attract the attention of strangers to the beauties of Jamestown." Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Phillips brought home a "brand new baby" from Newport Hospital.

Louttit Laundry was advertising itself as "The laundry that satisfies," and the cruising yacht "Blue Heron" owned by Frank S. Richmond won its class on corrected time in the 2nd annual regatta at the Conanicut Yacht Club. Miss Polly Magruder entertained 30 guests at a supper party at her home on Shoreby Hill and later attended the County Club dance. Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and their son, John, of Natick were visiting Mrs. John Anderson at her home on East Shore Road.

At the Palace Theatre, Franchot Tone, Spencer Tracy and Gladys George were starring in "They Gave Him a Gun."

But all the news wasn't good that summer, the Conanicut Park Hotel had to close down due to a leaking sewer line 8 feet from a well that supplied water to the hotel, resulting in visitors suffering vomiting. The editors opined, "It is to be regretted that this had to occur at the height of one of the best seasons that the hotel has yet experienced."

But, let's end on a happy note. George Young was guest of honor at a stag party.

Once again, our thanks to Gracie Sisson for sharing this moment in the island's history with our readers. As requested by Gracie, the materials will now be handed over to the Historical Society for safekeeping and great reading.

Kudos to Catherine and Joseph Bettencourt of Howland Avenue for their contribution to the (Qua) Hogs for the fireworks fund. They wrote, "We're delighted to read in the Press that the fireworks will continue. They are, always, awesome. Thank you so much for continuing the tradition." Donations can be made to the 'Hogs by sending your check made out to the Fireworks Fund to Box 1776, Jamestown, 02835. Kaboom cans are located near the cash registers and awaiting your donation in McQuade's, Grapes and Gourmet, Jamestown Hardware, Jamestown Wine and Spirits, Video Showcase, and Ace's Pizza.

KA-BOOM!!

There were two responses to last week's poser, one of them from Charlie Masso who wrote, "We did the 'Cecilia' one about a year ago, didn't we?" Just keeping you on your toes, Charlie.

The second was from former islander Gloria Conley now of Elizabeth City, N.C., who had the right answer and noted in commenting on an item in last week's column, "Our water bill here is \$10 a month minimum, our highest bill was \$14. Ah, why is Jamestown's so high?"

The third response came from Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh who had two answers. She had it right with Cecilia and then added, "Then there's ABBA. When Mamma Mia comes around again you should see it because it is all ABBA and ABBA is great."

"Well I can dance with you honey

If you think you're funny Does your mother know that you're out?

And I can chat with you baby Flirt with you maybe Does your mother know that you're out?"

Thanks, guys!

Jeanne Bunkley has adopted an 8-year old gray and white cat from the Potter League for Animals. Jeanne said that Angie is "very lovable and friendly" adding that she was taking over the house. "She almost pushed me out of bed last night."

Welcome to the island, Angie.

Scoutmaster Dave Volpe reports that Troop 1 camped at the Cachalot Reservation in Carver, Mass. the weekend of April 12. "The weather presented some challenges but most of Saturday and Sunday were actually very nice. Sixteen scouts camped, and for six of them it was their first campout as a Scout. They worked on some skills necessary for advancement and some of the scouts earned their Totemchip. The senior Scouts took the new Scouts

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